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1. REFTTEL APPRECIATED. CULTURAL ATTACHE PLOSCARU OF ROMANIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, AS KINDLY RITTEN SMITHSONIAN CONFIRMING ROMANIA'S PARTICI,ATION AND ;AS VER9ALLY INDICATED REVISED SCHEDULE, ARRIVING JUNE 13 AND CONCLUDING TOUR JULY 5, WILL UNDOU9TEDLY BE ACCEPTABLE, GIVEN THE HIGH LEVEL OF ENDORSEMENT O PROJECT BY GOR.

2. ROMANIA AND ISRA"L ARE THE ONLY COUNTRIES BEING PRESENTED JUNE 16-20 IN OLD 'AYS IN THE NEW 'ORLD, THEME AREA OF FESTIVAL. ACROSS TH" ROAD ,AFRICAN DIASPORA' THEME AREA PRESENTING GHANA AND JAMAICA. FYI, ISRAELI GROUP WILL PROBA0LY CONSIST OF 9 YEMENITE JEWS, 8 KURDISH, 3 IRAQI OR MOROCCAN, 1 LADINO, 4 CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI DANCERS, AND POSSIBLY A GROUP OF 5 TO 9 EAST EUROPEAN ASHKENAZI 'EDDING MUSICIANS. KISSINGER

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